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**Subject:** RE: Black Tea Oil - New Drilling Sites (UNCLASSIFIED)

Thanks Steven, I am forwarding this information to Jodi Bruno and Sara HertzWu who are working on this case.

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Delia:

I received a call this morning from Chris Neely, Kansas Corporation Commission concerning new oil production activity occurring below the OHWM of the Smoky Hill River. Mr. Neely stated that during his last site visit he discovered 3 new drilling sites that he believes are located below the OHWM of the Smoky Hill River. He went on to state that he observed fill material that has been pushed over the banks and the construction of a roadway below the OHWM.

Mr. Neely also wanted to bring to our attention the fact that an oil spill had occurred in this area back in December. He wasn't able to provide much information as to the extent of the cleanup other than he did observe were a small amount of fill had been pushed into a ephemeral stream and the presence of a oil absorbent boom.

I advised Mr. Neely that I would pass this information onto Delia Garcia, EPA as they have taken the lead in this enforcement action. Mr. Neely can be reached at (785) 625-0556.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

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